

User's Guide

This is a short guide to the organization and content of the *California Water Plan Update 2004*, which is organized in five volumes, (1) Strategic Plan, (2) Resource Management Strategies, (3) Regional Reports, (4) Reference Guide and (5) Technical Guide.

Volume 1: Strategic Plan

Volume 1 includes findings and recommended actions, the Plan overview, discussion of current conditions and future uncertainties, the Strategy Investment Options table, and a framework for future action. It is organized as a strategic plan with stated vision, mission, goals, objectives and implementation plan.

Volume 2: Resource Management Strategies

Volume 2 includes narratives for 25 resource management strategies (presented alphabetically) that can be combined in various ways to meet the water management objectives and values of different regions and to achieve multiple resource benefits. The volume also includes an introduction describing how each strategy narrative is organized and the Strategy Investment Options table.

Volume 3: Regional Reports

Volume 3 includes regional reports for the state's 10 hydrologic regions, the Delta and the mountain counties area, as well as a state summary. Each report includes a discussion on the state of the region, key challenges; ongoing programs; and information on water supplies and uses for water years 1998 (wet), 2000 (average) and 2001 (dry).

Volume 4: Reference Guide (The Encyclopedia Water Plan)

Volume 4 includes general reference information on California water resources and infrastructure from prior Water Plan updates and articles prepared for, or in conjunction with, this Water Plan that support material in Volumes 1, 2 or 3. In past Water Plans, this information was interspersed throughout the document. DWR has consolidated this reference material in the Reference Guide to make it more accessible and streamline Volume 1. The articles are organized by topic and presented alphabetically by title. The Reference Guide will be updated periodically.

Volume 5: Technical Guide (On-line Documentation)

Volume 5 will include the information currently on the Assumptions & Estimates Web Site, such as process maps, data sources and details on the Update 2004 project organization and management. The Technical Guide will be organized and formatted as a web site to document the data, analytical tools and methods used to prepare this Water Plan.